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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos.

Part B for

SUBJECT.

Protection of valuable records.
Survey office. New Public offices

1105/W

A.R.P - Protection of Valuable Records

General and Revenue Secretariat | W File No. 104 of 1940-1 | [App. F. III-2

Serial No.

Subd for perusal and orders whether the Dirs of Archaeology be addressed, as suggested. Kindly refer is also invited to the discussions in the file placed below.

FEB 4 1942 No 7628

(RS 26/1)

The Directors of Archaeology may be addressed as suggested.

re: Museum letter

26/1/42

26 JAN 19 ... OF ... SORE

27.1.42

Law Minister)

And the Dirs of Arc as regards the Museum

4-2-42

The Supdt of Land Records & the G.R.S may perhaps now Classify further & write a word to action in respect of important items

4/2/42

5-2-42

Subd with a draft to the Concerned Offices. As regards the G.R.S. the files may be perused by the Registrar and suitable action taken.

(RS 5/2)

Issued Nos 1639 to 1642. 6.2.42.

Copies of letters from the D.G.P. dated 23rd January 1942 and 2nd September 41 may be sent, to the Director of Archaeology, Dir of Arc & Supdt of Land Records. After issue, the file may be sent to the Asst. GRS for necessary action in respect of the Secl. Records —

NOTE—Cont. Sheet.

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Regr. GRS with compliments)

7/2/42

Law Secy)

5.2.42

1105/W

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for Parliament sanction

The file will now be sent to the Registrar with reference to Law Ministers minute before re: Govt Records. (Classification) for necessary action

RS 18/2

Sheer 18/2

The note submitted by the Registrar re: the measures for the protection of important G.R.S Records was perused by the Chief Secy and was marked to the Secretaries for Wednesday.

Chief Secy) 18/2

CHIEF SECRETARY. 18 FEB 194 GOVT OF MYSORE.

Await orders on the file

18/2

19/2

Separate action has been taken as noted above & orders obtained as regards the action to be taken in the matter

War Section) 28/3

31/3

To keep this in the Connected Govt records

28/3

Gr. Records

30/3

1220/W

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Serial No.

Subd for perusal. The main file was subd to the Registrar re classification of G.R.S Records

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR F... & REVENUE
FEB 24 1942
No. 5074

(RS 23/2) D.C.P. for favour of Remarks.

Thu 23/2/42

Chief Secy)

It may not be possible to have also the records removed to any of this places also necessary steps to safeguard the valuable Leases to be taken here. The Dy Cs may be consulted

Thanks
Reg

Hon Minister
Hon Finance Minister)

The Supdt has apparently no idea regarding the above. Only the Key records have been received. Maps may be distributed to the Dts & Taluks offices concerned for being kept in Stock. The liability to damage gets distributed to this extent.

Duplicate copies of the records like Akarbands there are copies in Dts & Taluks &c. Now the Records of Rights registers in Taluks perhaps supplement copies of the registers with the Dt offices

It is only the original Survey

OFFICE OF THE FOR F... & REVENUE
24 FEB. 1942
5074.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MYSORE
23 FEB 1942

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

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Records (the primary & fundamental ones but the derived ones) that need the Secretariat elsewhere. They may be securely baled and sent to the Dt offices for being lodged carefully in some room.

Current records & Secondary registers may be retained here & work may go on

As regards fire extinguishers etc, they are necessary at all times. The R.C. may be requested to go into this and arrange further, & also to prepare a Subsidiary A.R.P. scheme in consultation with D.S.P. & the A.R.P. Controller B. City for both the Head Office & this Survey building

I do not think that the time has yet arrived for our shifting records. 24/2/42

A.R.P. schemes may be got drawn up in consultation with the D.S.P. & the A.R.P. Controller

It may be ascertained what amount of space will be required for the records to be transferred R.C. may be consulted & steps will then be taken to send them in the

KLR 24/2

Mr Raja

Mr Rao

1229/W 1439/W.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR LAW
APR 4 1942
No. 10152

Serial No.

Lr to the R.C. Supdt of Land Records & I.G.P
May be put up

Dn 26/3/42

Subd with a draft lr to the Survey Supdt and another lr to the R.C with memo to the I.S.P.

F (RS 27/2) The R.C has already been requested to prepare a subsidiary Scheme for the New Public offices

d/f for approval

Chief Secretary) Dn 27/3/42

Please put up o/c on the lines of the circular of the Finance Minister.

Dn 1/3

Issued No. 1953/W dt 9.3.42 to the R.C.
" Memo Nos. 1954-5/W to the Supdt of Land Records & I.G.P.

27 FEB. 1942 GOVT OF MYSORE.

From The R.C in Mysore
C 4568/41-42 dt 28th March 42 stating that he is taking necessary action for A.R.P. measures for the New Public offices

Subd for perusal and orders. With reference to the Revenue Minister's minute dt 30/3 an idea of the space required for the important Survey Records has also been given.

5998

R.C. may please this limit further

NOTE—Cont. Sheet

Issued No 2327/W dt 6th #2 to the Revenue Commr.

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Secretary to Govt

A.R.P – Protection of Valuable records

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General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No. 12.

From The R.C in Mysore
C.4568/41-42 dt 17th April 42
re: protection of valuable records in the New Public Offices.

Subd for perusal.
20/4/42

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR LAW
APR 21 1942
No 10944

CHIEF SECRETARY
20 APR 1942
GOVT OF MYSORE

Law Minister
Hon'ble Finance Minister

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6342
22.4.42

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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Tel. Address:
"POLICE"
PHONE No. 2108.

When replying please quote
No A.R.P. 2/41-42

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, 23rd January *1942*

FROM

The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.

CHIEF SECRETARY. To 26 JAN. 1942 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

SIR,

A.R.P. - Protection of valuable records.

P

In continuation of this office letter No.A.R.P.2/41-42 dated 15-9-1941 I have the honour to suggest that the Director of Archeology be asked to make suitable arrangements for the protection of valuable exhibits, documents, specimens etc. in the Oriental Library, Mysore, and the Museum at Bangalore.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

INSPECOTR GENERAL OF POLICE.

23/1

No. 1639/W /Enc/
1640/W /Enc/
1641/W /Enc/

Bg 7.2.42

To

The Director of Archaeology.

The Director of I. & C.

The Supdt. of Land Records.

Sir,

Air Raid Precautions -
Protection of valuable records.

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I am directed to forward ~~herewith~~ for your information copies of letters from the Inspector-General of Police on the above subject, and to state that suitable arrangements may kindly be made for the protection of valuable exhibits, documents, specimens etc. in the (1) Oriental Library, Mysore. (2) Museum at Bangalore,

Dr of Archaeology
Dr of I & C

(3) suitable arrangements may kindly be made for the classification of records with a view to action in respect of important items.

Supdt of Land Records

A report of the arrangements proposed ~~herein~~ may kindly be sent for the information of Govt.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Chief Secy. to Govt.
7.2.42

Memo. 1642/W 6/2

Copy to I.G.P. for information with reference to his letter dated the 23rd Janry. 194 2.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. 1639/W/Enc,
1640/W/Enc,
1641/W/Enc,

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated Bangalore, 5th February.....*1942.*

FROM

The ~~Chief~~ Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Law Department.

To

1. The Director of Archaeology in Mysore.
2. The Director of Industries & Commerce in Mysore.
3. The Superintendent of Land Records, Survey & Settlement in Mysore

SIR,

Air Raid Precautions - Protection of valuable records.

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I am directed to forward for your information copies of letters from the Inspector-General of Police on the above subject, and to state that suitable arrangements may kindly be made for the (1) & (2) protection of valuable exhibits, documents, specimens etc., in the (1) Oriental Library, Mysore/ (2) Museum at Bangalore (3) classification of records with a view to action in respect of important items.

A report of the arrangements proposed may kindly be sent for the information of Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) H.V. Narayana Rao.
For Secretary to Government,
~~XXX~~ Law Department.

Memo No. 1642/W/1 Dated the 5th Febry. 1942.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, with reference to his letter dated the 23rd Janry. 1942.

For Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

Letter No.A.R.P.2/41-42 dated 3rd September 1941 from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore to the Chief Secretary to Govt.,

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Subject - A.R.P. Protection of valuable records.

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I have the honor to state that, with a view to the better protection of important and valuable official documents, the Bombay Government have classified the records in their Secretariat into three categories viz (1) Important Sannads, documents (2) Historical documents and (3) Administration records. Class (1) records are understood to have been deposited in the xxi vaults of the Reserve Bank of India at a normal charge of Rs.5/- per annum. Selected documents in Class (2) have been removed to a place in the interior of the Province. Class (3) records will not be removed unless the war situation deteriorates gravely.

2. Although no immediate action is called for in Mysore, it is suggested that the records in the Secretariat and other Central Offices might be classified with a view to their removal to a place of safety at a large stage, if necessary.

Letter No.A.R.P.2/41-41 dated 23rd January 1942 from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore to the Chief Secretary to Govt.,

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A.C.P. - Protection of valuable records.

In continuation of this office letter No.A.R.P.2/41-41 dated 15th September 1941, I have the honour to suggest that the Director of Archaeology be asked to make suitable arrangements for the protection of valuable exhibits, documents, specimens etc., in the Oriental Library, Mysore, and the Museum at Bangalore.

" C O P Y "

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Letter No.A.R.P.2/41-41 dated 23rd January 1942 from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore to the Chief Secretary to Govt.,

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" C O P Y "

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UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE.

In reply, please refer to
No. 564
Enclosures

Office of the Director of
Archæological Researches in Mysore,
Dated Mysore, 11th February 1942

FROM

DR. M. H. KRISHNA, M.A., D.LIT. (LOND.),
Director of Archæological Researches in Mysore,
MYSORE.

To

The Registrar,
University of Mysore,
MYSORE.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith copy of letter No.1639/W dated 5-2-1942 from the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Law Department, Bangalore, with its enclosures desiring me to make arrangements for taking air raid precautions and the protection of valuable records like exhibits, documents, etc. in the Oriental Library, Mysore. I propose that so far as the valuable specimens, documents, etc. of this department are concerned they may be removed to the cellar of this office immediately instructions from the University or Government are received for doing so. Since the Oriental Library is an independent office under the University though in the same building, I request that suitable measures may be taken in this behalf and both the Curator and myself instructed as to the arrangements that we are to make and the reply that may be sent to Government. If possible direct correspondence may kindly be opened in the matter by the University and instructions about the approved arrangements be issued to both the offices concerned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd.M.H.Krishna.

Director of
Archl. Researches in Mysore.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
Date 17-2-42
No. 4426

MEMO NO. 565 11-2-1942.

Copy of the foregoing is forwarded with compliments to the Curator, Government Oriental Library, Mysore.

Sd.M.H.Krishna.

Director of
Archl.Researches in Mysore.

SECY. LAW DEPT. 14 FEB 1942 GOVT OF MYSORE

No. 566

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Law Department, Bangalore with reference to his letter No.1639/W of 5-2-1942. A further reply will be sent on receipt of the instructions from the University.

M.H.Krishna

Director of
Archl.Researches in Mysore.

Subd for perusal

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C: 4568/41-42

No. ~~D.O.No.172/41-42~~
Encl. 1 Copies

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

Bangalore, dated 9th February 1942 *194*

FROM

Hulq-ul-Mulk
S. ABDUL WAJID, ESQ., B.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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FEB. 1942
No. 4918.

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CHIEF SECRETARY 10. FEB. 10 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

To

The ~~Chief~~ *Secretary to the Government of His Highness*
the Maharaja of Mysore,
.....*Department, Bangalore.*

SIR,

Subject:—

I have the honour to forward herewith for kind information of Government copies of letters No.D.O.172/41-42 dated 7-2-1942 sent to the Director of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Incometax and Assistant Engineer, Buildings Division, Bangalore in respect of action taken for providing Air Raid Shelters for the Officers and staff that are working in the New Public Offices buildings

Subd for perusal
RS 12/2
Chief Secretary)

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Revenue Commissioner.

HRC

Serial No.

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PRS 2972

Subd for perusal with a letter to the Rio

NOTE—Cont. Sheet.

WD 04155—GPE—55,000—23-10-41

1)D.O.letter No.172/41-42 dated 7-2-1942 from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore to the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore and the Commissioner of Incometax in Mysore.

I write to state that in connection with the Air Raid Precaution Measures, the ground floor of this building (New Public Offices) was inspected this morning by me in company with the Government Architect and the Assistant Engineer, Buildings Division, Bangalore. It was considered that the

1.The room in which the Education forms etc., are kept.
2.The room where the articles of furniture of Education Department are stored.
3.The Education Library room
4.The room now being used by the Incometax Office, which is opposite to the Store-room of the Education Department.

marginally noted rooms were quite suited for being converted into Air Raid Shelters for the use of Officers and staff working in New Public Offices in case of emergency. Accommodation has to be provided for about 500 persons working in the several offices located in this building. These rooms have therefore to be vacated immediately for being converted into Air Raid Shelters. The furniture and other articles in the said rooms may be kindly arranged to be shifted to some other place. The Assistant Engineer, Buildings Division, has agreed to make some garage buildings situated adjacent to the General and Revenue Secretariat Club available for storing the articles. I have no objection to the furniture and articles being taken to any other room in the building, if that can be arranged.

In view of the urgency of the matter regarding rendering the above rooms fit for shelter, immediate arrangements may kindly be made to vacate them and place them in charge of the Assistant Engineer, Buildings Range within 3 or 4 days, if possible.

The action taken in the matter may kindly be intimated.

PTO

2) D.O.letter No.172/41-42 dated 7th February 1942 from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore to the Assistant Engineer Buildings Division, Bangalore

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In forwarding herewith copies of letters sent to the Director of Public Instruction and Incometax Commissioner in the matter of vacating the rooms which were proposed to be converted into Air Raid Shelters, I request that as agreed to today during inspection, accommodation may kindly be arranged to be provided to the above said Department for storing their articles in the garrages of General and Revenue Secretariat.

"Copies"

M.N. Ramachar

For Revennue Commissioner.

HRC

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20th February 1942.

xxxxxxxxxxx M.G. MEHKRI ESQ., B.A.,LL.B.,

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

Air Raid Shelters.

With reference to your letter No.C.4568 dated the 9th February 1942 regarding the provision of Air Raid Shelters for the Officers and staff that are working in the New Public Offices buildings, I am directed to request you to kindly work out a subsidiary scheme for the New Public Offices, in consultation with the Inspector-General of Police and the Special A.R.P. Officer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

W104-40-9 1220/W

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

DEPARTMENT OF LAND RECORDS, SURVEY AND SETTLEMENT.

In reply please quote in full the No. given below.

REVENUE SURVEY OFFICES,

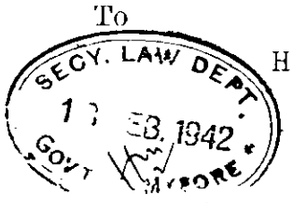
Dated Bangalore, ...16th. .February... ....1942.

No. ~~163~~129 17.

Encl.

FROM MAHOMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, Esq., B.A.,
~~YXXVEDAVYASACHARYAXESQ,EX~~
Superintendent of Land Records, Survey and Settlement in Mysore, Bangalore.

To



H.V. NARAYANA RAO, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Law Department, Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to your No.1641/J. dated 5th February 1942, calling for a report of arrangements proposed for preserving records as a matter of precaution for air raids, I have the honor to state as follows:-

The Measurement, Classification, Settlement and Record of Rights Hissa Survey Records of the whole State as well as all the Inam Settlement Papers, both manuscript and print, are all preserved in the Central Offices of this Department in only one building. These records are such that in case of loss it is not possible to reconstruct them as there are no other records from which such reconstruction could be arranged. It is therefore a matter of paramount importance to have all these records which are kept in about 12,000 bundles removed to a place of safety far away from the likelihood of being subjected to air attacks.

When it is considered desirable to have these records transferred elsewhere arrangements will have to be made to transfer all the officials entrusted with such custody to the same place as that to which the records are proposed to be sent. A fairly big size building with arrangements of racks will be required for housing these records.

When Government consider the situation as grave such a transfer will have to be brought into effect at very short notice.

There are Village Maps of the value of about Rs.4,00,000 to Rs.5,00,000 stored in this office. These are all printed on the basis of the originals which are found in the original records referred to in earlier paragraphs of this letter. Since however the value of the maps is considerable and represents the time and labour required for such preparation covering a period of several years, I consider it desirable to have these also transferred at the same time that Government deem it desirable to transfer records mentioned in the earlier paragraphs to a place of safety.

The other records are of a normal administrative nature.

I may however state for the information of Government that the provision for fire fighting appliances in this office are practically nil. We have now only a few buckets and some sand bags. I may therefore suggest the desirability of having installed in the premises a few chemical fire extinguishers and arrangements may also be considered for installing a pump for being used in case of need and for the construction of a water reservoir within the compound for storing water for meeting any unforeseen emergencies.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Superintendent of Land Records,
Survey and Settlement.

BKK.

BSR 16/3/61

Appendix F G—1]

SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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the *19*

Date of issue.....

Signed by .....

List of enclosures.....

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Examined by .....

Section

File No.

Serial No.

No.

To The Surpt of Land Records,

Sir, A.R.P Classification and Preservation of Records

With reference to your letter no 129 of the 17th Feby. 42 on the above subject, I am directed to state that it is the intention of Govt that only the key records shall be preserved when an emergency arises. Maps may be distributed to the Dt and Taluk offices concerned for being kept in stock.

I am to add that ~~it is the~~ only the original Survey Records

(the primary and fundamental ones
and not the derived ones) that
need be secured elsewhere and they
may be securely baled and sent
to the DI offices for basic loops
carefully Current records
and Survey registers may be retained

The transfer of officials suggested in
your letter is not necessary.

As regards the last para of
your letter the R C has been requested
to prepare a subsidiary Scheme
in consultation with the IGP and
A.R.P Controller B City for
the New Public offices and the Survey
Building.

Further Communications to Government in this matter may be addressed through the Revenue Commr in Mysore

Dtd 27/2 Chief Secretary Govt

Copy to the R.C in Mysore for
I.G.P Police

Appendix F G—1]

SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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the *19*

Date of issue 9.3.42

Signed by Mr. M.S.S.

List of enclosures.....

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Examined by .....

Section W
File No. 104-40
Serial No. 15

No. 1953/W

To The R.C. in Mysore.

Sir, Air Raid Shelters

In continuation of this office letter no 1854/W 5 dt 26th Feby. 42 on the above subject I am directed to request you kindly to prepare a ~~Scheme~~ Subsidiary A.R.P Scheme in consultation with the I.S.P and A.R.P Controller. Bangalore City for both the new Public offices and the Revenue, Survey ~~Building~~ Offices at Bangalore.

I am also ~~to~~ to enquire as to the amount of Space that

will be required for the important
Survey and other records to be
transferred lodged elsewhere. Often such a
necessity arises.

~~I suggested that the Deputy Director of Lands~~
Law should be

I have the

Chief Surveyor for

Memo. Nos. 1954-5/W/27/n Dated 9.3.62 Director of Lands. the signature

copy to Surveyor of Lands

15 p

to send the land communication Right to Commissioner

L.R. & S.

No 1953/W

9th March 1942.

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

Air Raid Shelters.

In continuation of this office letter No.1854/M dated the 20th February 1942 on the above subject, I am directed to request you kindly to prepare a subsidiary A.R.P. Scheme in consultation with the Inspector-General of Police and the A.R.P. Controller, Bangalore City, for both the new Public Offices and the Revenue Survey offices in Bangalore. I am also to enquire as to the amount of space that will be required for the important survey and other records to be lodged elsewhere when such a necessity arises.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M.G. Mehkri.
~~For~~ Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 1954-5/W Dated the 9th March 1942.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Supdt. Land Records Survey & Settlement, & S. G. P.

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For Chief Secretary to Government.

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No.C.4568/41-42.
Encl. 3.

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

Bangalore, dated ..28th.....March..... ..1942.

FROM

Rukn-ul-Mulk
S. ABDUL WAJID, ESQ., B.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief *Secretary to the Government of His Highness*
the Maharaja of Mysore,
.....*Department, Bangalore.*

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
30 MAR
GOVT. OF MYSORE

SIR,

Subject:— Air Raid Shelters.

F

With reference to your letter No.1953/W.dated 9th instant regarding the above, I have the honour to state that I am taking necessary action in the matter in accordance with the Note on - A.R.P. for New Public Offices Group received from the Special A.R.P. Officer, Bangalore. I am sending herewith for favour of kind - information a copy of his note together with a copy of the proceedings of the first meeting convened by me in this connection. I am also sending for favour of information a cop of the note received from the Superintendent, Land Records with regard to the requirements of space for lodging the important Survey records in case a necessity should arise. He estimates that a floor space of 8064 sq.feet with a height of 14 feet would be necessary.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Abdul Wajid.

Revenue Commissioner.

T.S.P.

Proceedings of the First Meeting held on 23rd March 1942, at 2 P.M., in the Chambers of the Revenue Commissioner to discuss A.R.P. measures for the New Public Offices Group.

Chairman: S. Abdul Wajid, Esq., B.A.

Members present: Mr. M.N. Anandalwar
" K.R. Marudeva Gowda
" M.S. Rajagopala Rao
" A.V. Krishnamurthy
" B.P. Ramakrishnan
" B. Venkataswamiya for Mr. P.N. Krishnaswamy.
" H.N. Subba Rao

The note sent by the Special Officer, A.R.P. was read by the Chairman for the information of the members present and the following conclusions and arrangements were arrived at after discussion.

Telephone No.

The Excise Commissioner's Office Telephone Booth -- situated at the end of the wing in the ground floor was -- proposed to be allocated for A.R.P. purposes as it was situated centrally between the New Public Offices and the Revenue Survey Offices.

Lighting requirements:

One light on each of the verandah may be had in addition to one more light at the stair-case. For the Revenue Survey Office, one light may be had on the ground floor and another on the top floor. Hand lanterns duly shaded should be provided for the night watchman of each office.

Volunteer Organization:

The division of the New Public Offices group into sectors and the appointment of the Deputy Chief Wardens for

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for each of the sector as shown below was approved.

1. Revenue and Muzrai Commissioner's Office. Sector No. 1
   Deputy Chief Warden: Mr. M.N. Anandalwar.
2. Director of Public Instruction's Office. Sector No. 2

   Deputy Chief Warden: Mr. M.S. Rajagopala Rao.

3. Chief Conservator of Forests' Office. Sector No. 3

   Deputy Chief Warden: Mr. B.P. Ramakrishnan.

4. Excise Commissioner's and other allied Offices. Sector No. 4

   Deputy Chief Warden: Mr. A.V. Krishna Murthy.

5. Revenue Survey Office. Sector No. 5

   Deputy Chief Warden: Mr. P.N. Krishnaswamy.

The Deputy Chief Wardens promised to send the lists of Volunteers for each of their Sectors, in accordance with the list prepared for Sector No. 1 on receipt of a copy from the Chairman. A copy of the list together with a copy of the Note prepared by the A.R.P. Special Officer may be sent to the Deputy Chief Wardens for furnishing the lists early. On receipt of the list, classes may be held in a central place for giving A.R.P. Training to the officials in consultation with the A.R.P. Officer. The Offices may be closed at 4 P.M. on the days the officials are required to attend the A.R.P. Classes.

The Deputy Chief Wardens may meet the First Assistant to the Revenue Commissioner as often as may be necessary in furtherance of A.R.P. measures.

The Assistant Engineer who was shown the Note of the A.R.P. Officer has agreed to take necessary action for the supply of necessary sand bags for both the offices, construction of water-tanks and air shelters in accordance

accordance with the suggestions given in the note on receipt of the copy of the note to be furnished to him. A copy of the note together with a copy of these proceedings may be - sent to him.

(Sd) S. Abdul Wajid,
Revenue Commissioner.

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M. N. Ramesh

For Revenue Commissioner.

Note on A.R.P. for Buildings in the New Public Offices Group, i.e., New Public Offices and Revenue Survey Office.

1. Control:

An officer (Personal Assistant to the Revenue Commissioner may be in charge of A.R.P. for all the buildings in the group. - One telephone to be allocated for A.R.P. purposes, its number - being intimated to the A.R.P. Controller. An A.R.P. NoticeBoard may be hung up at a central place.

2. Warning:

Local warning will be by bells, gongs or whistles. The number, location and persons to ring them for each part of the building to be fixed.

3. Lighting restrictions:

Verandah lights to be reduced now to minimum requirements. Watchmen on night duty should be provided with hand lanterns, duly shaded, which should be kept at selected places, ready for use - during a black-out.

4. Wardens Organisation - (Building Wardens)

The group of buildings may be divided into a number of Sections, one for each floor and there should be two wardens for each section on duty day and night after the preliminary warning denoting a state of emergency has been declared. These will be building wardens. Persons should be selected now, from among the staff with 50% reserve and trained in their duties at the - City A.R.P. Instruction Classes.

5. First Aid.

One first aid post may be established and equipped now for the entire group of buildings in any one of the centrally situated rooms. It will be manned by one Doctor, one Nurse, four

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four first aiders and two stretcher bearers. Volunteers should be selected now and sent for training to one of the - First Aid Training Centres in the City. Serious cases should be sent to St. Martin's Hospital by the City A.R.P. Ambulances.

6. Fire Fighting:

In each of the Sections parties of 3 persons may be - trained in the use of the stirrup pump and equipped with a pump and accessories. Existing hydrants should be tested and the requisite hoses provided and additional hydrants installed - wherever necessary, particularly near the Record Room. Static tanks capable of holding 2,000 - 5,000 gallons should be constructed at convenient points. Buckets of sand and water - should be kept at intervals of 25 feet. Sand and dry earth in big drums may be kept in central locations. The required - number of sand bags, i.e., 4 bags for every 4,000 square feet of roof space may be kept 3/4ths filled at accessible points. In case of a big fire, the City Fire Engines should be requisitioned.

7. Rescue and salvage and demolition:

One party (light) may be organised and trained for - rescue, salvage and demolition work and the necessary equipment assembled and kept ready.

8. Protection of the building and personnel:

Interior rooms on the ground floor or basement in the New Public Offices may be converted into shelters and all --- fixed glass therein removed. Unnecessary openings may be - blocked with brick in cement and suitable entrances and emergency exits to the refuge rooms provided. The roofs of refuge rooms may be strutted if necessary to stand the weight of falling debris, and blast walls erected opposite to the entrances and

and exits. The refuge rooms should preferably be scattered in various parts of the buildings and not more than 50 persons should be accommodated in any one shelter. r staff or members of the public present in excess of the numbers, slit trenches should be provided under the trees in the open space behind the New Public Offices building. A plan of -- evacuation of the staff to these shelters in an orderly manner may be worked out and practised now and then. The persons - including building wardens, fire fighters, etc., who have to - remain in the building should be provided with protective gear The arch ways of the verandahs on the ground and first floors may be blocked with brick in cement mortar up to a height of 6 feet at least.

9. Protection of Records, etc.

Very valuable records and documents may be listed now and removed to safe places after a state of emergency has been declared. The remaining records may be redistributed in such a way as to leave clear fire breaks. Racks and other inflammable materials used in construction should be painted with - fire resisting paint. Carpets, unnecessary furniture, etc., may be removed to reduce the risk of fire as well as to minimise material damage. Additional fire fighting staff may be posted near record rooms and they should be given hose practice and fire drill frequently.

(Sd) N. Madheva Rao,

Dyl. A.R.P. Officer and
Controller, Bangalore City,
13-3-1942.

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M.N. Ananthu

for Revenue Commissioner.

N O T E.

Re: the requirements for keeping safe Survey and Inam Records of the Land Records, Survey and Settlement Department

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1. On 5th February 1942 the Law Secretary to Government in his letter No.1641/W. called for a report of the arrangement proposed in the matter of the protection of the valuable records as precautions in cases of Air Raid and he also "suggested that suitable arrangements may be made for the classification of records with a view to action in respect of important items". As this communication was addressed to to the - Superintendent direct a reply was sent to the Law Secretary with letter No.129 dated 17th February 1942 and the reply was also submitted to the Commissioner of Land Records for information. A copy of the reply is enclosed for perusal.

2. The nature of records in the Department of Land Records is as follows:--

(a) Original Survey papers.
(B) Original Classification Papers.
(c) Original Settlement Papers
(d) Revision Survey Papers.
(e) Revision Classification Papers
(f) Revision Settlement Papers.
(g) Inam Registers, Statements and correspondence relating to Inam Settlements.
(h) Print Maps
(i) Correspondence Registers.
(j) Record of Rights, Tippans, Pakka Books and Atlas Books as also Preliminary Records and Field Sketches prepared at the time of Preliminary Record of Rights.

Out of the papers mentioned above print maps, quit-rent registers, atlas books are all derived papers and can be replaced on the basis of the other records should they get destroyed but the actual volume taken up for housing these records is not substantial when compared with the total space required for the other records. Morevover in regard to the print maps which could all be transferred to the several districts for custody

custody and for sale when required by the private parties it has to be stated that while such an arrangement may be made, it would be possible to have satisfactory supplementary arrangements made for incorporating changes whenever maps have to be issued for sale or reference. For all corrections rendered necessary by sub-divisions taking place and changes in akarbands being effected in the meantime are all to be entered as changes take place and this requires attention being bestowed at the time, sales are effected. It is therefore necess ry to keep even these maps in the Central Office which alone has got a staff for noting changes in maps.

3. The bulk of space required for the akarbands is very little and akarbands are capable of being prepared from the other data - available and are also prepared in triplicate and their loss could not be serious. But as stated already the space required for these - akarbands is so little that their separation and transfer elsewhere need not be considered.

4. After considering all these aspects and judging by the present accommodation of the records in this office I consider it necessary to have a floor space of 8,064 Sq.Ft. and the height of the rooms for such floor space is 14 Ft. now and in case such height cannot be found in the new places proportionately larger floor spaces will be required.

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For Revenue Commissioner. 28.3.42

T.S.P.
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No 2327/W

6th April 1942.

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

Protection of Valuable Records.

With reference to your letter No.C.4568 dated the 28th March 1942 furnishing an estimate of a floor space of 8064 sq.ft. with a height of 14 ft. for lodging the important survey records in case of necessity, I am directed to request you kindly to pursue this point further.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M.G. Mehkri.

for Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 2328/W Dated the 6th April 1942.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, for information.

For Chief Secretary to Govt.

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No. C.4868/41-42 (4568/41-42)
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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE

Dated Bangalore, 17th April *194* 2

FROM Rajasevaprasakta
B.T.Kesavaienger .Esq.B.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri.Esq.B.A.,LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore
(War Section)

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GOVT OF MYSORE.

SIR,

Subject:—

With reference to your letter No.23-27 W.dated 6th April 1942 regarding the protection of valuable records, I have the honour to state that the position was examined after inspection of the premises of the Revenue Survey Offices Buildings on 11th April 1942. Mr.N. Madhava Rao, A.R.P.Controller and the Assistant Engineer in charge of the Buildings Division were also present. The matter was discussed with the Superintendent of Land Records in the presence of these two Officers and the enclosed note shows the arrangements considered necessary for the safety of the records. Similar measures would apply equally to the rooms in the New Public Offices.

A copy of the notes of inspection is enclosed for the information of Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

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things became grave the suggestion was that the more important records might be transferred to the Cellar Rooms of the New Public Offices and the Offices now located in the New Public Offices might be shifted temporarily to the Revenue Survey Offices Buildings for such temporary period.

As the record room is in the ground floor and is terraced it was thought it could stand any likely hits by bombs considering the present nature of bombs that are being employed.

Risks against blast are to be obviated by the construction of brick walls against windows and entrances that are now being done by the Public Works Department.

Two sets of people for using the stirrup pumps should be trained and kept ready for all emergencies.

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Not against any direct hit of a powerful bomb.

Illd. H.N.S.
(Asst.Engineer, Buildings Dn.)

I Agree.

Illd. N.M.
(A.R.P.Controller).

I endorse the above subject to the remark made above.

Illd. H.N.S.
(Asst.Engineer, Buildings Dn.).

HK. on 11.6.42

Initials of the Supdt. of the Commissioner on 14/6/42

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N O T E.

The Commissioner of Land Records inspected the buildings of the Revenue Survey Offices to-day in company with the A.R.P.Controller Mr.N.Madhava Rao and the Superintendent of Land Records, the - Assistant Engineer in charge of Buildings Division were also present.

During the course of the inspection it was observed that the present system of custody of the Records of the Department of Land Records, Survey and Settlement in the ground floor was safe for all practical purposes. Such of the Records as may be in the first floor and of an important nature were asked to be shifted to the ground floor for safety. The usual precautions of sand bags, water buckets were asked to be supplemented by the construction of static tanks, and of making available Hydrants near at hand.

It was also stated that some chemical fire extinguishers of high potency might be obtained and placed in convenient positions. The planks of the racks should be protected by means of fire protective paints as already indicated.

An additional method of safety was suggested to be the construction of 4½ inches or 9 inches brick walls conveniently distributed in the records room so as to act as barriers to the spread of fire. - These walls would operate as fire breakers.

In case of absolute necessity and if